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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: MODE - EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF OF MISSION

REF: STATE 066110

1. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR FURTHER CONSULTATION ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT. 77 JAKARTA 11761 REMAINS OUR BASIC POSITION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH REVISE PARAS 7 AND 12 OF THAT MESSAGE, AS WELL AS COMMENTS ON 77 JAKARTA 15745.

2. REGARDING THE FEFENSE LIAISON GROUP, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF A FURTHER PROBABLE REDUCTION OF TEN POSITIONS (SIX MILITARY, ONE CIVILIAN AND THREE LOCAL STAFF) AS ENTERED IN THE 1979 PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS. WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ABSORB THIS REDUCTION, WE DO NOT CONSIDER A FURTHER CUT FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME IF CURRENT FMS LEVEL ACTIVITY IS TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE FUTURE.

3. REGARDING CONSULATE MEDAN, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
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THAT ONE AMERICAN POSITION CAN PROBABLY BE ELIMINATED FROM THE STATE COMPLEMENT. HOWEVER, THE DECISION AS TO WHICH POSITION SHOULD BE ELIMINATED SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER.

4. SINCE MY ARRIVAL IN JAKARTA, I HAVE SERIOUSLY REVIEWED THE FUTURE OF OUR BINATIONAL CENTERS, WITH

PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE BPAO POSITION IN MEDAN. FOLLOWING MY VISIT TO MEDAN AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER THERE, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WE SHOULD RETAIN THE BPAO POSITION FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE YEAR PRIOR TO A FINAL DECISION. I THINK THERE IS AN IMPORTANT JOB TO BE DONE THERE AND WOULD LIKE TO TO GIVE THE NEXT BPAO, DUE IN MEDAN THIS SUMMER, A CHANCE TO PRODUCE. IF AT THE END OF ONE YEAR THIS HAS NO OCCURRED I WILL AGREE TO ELIMINATE THE POSITION AND TRANSFER THE INCUMBENT, PROBABLY TO JAKARTA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS OR HER TOUR.

5. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON THE GORM PROCESS (STATE 063477) WHICH WILL CONTAIN OUR VIEWS IF FURTHER CUTS BECOME MANDATORY.
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